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BOOK: Judges

Opening Questions:

- a. Have you ever started something strong but struggled to finish it the same way? What made it hard to follow through?"
- b. If you moved to a new country, what cultural habit or practice do you think you would easily adopt?
- c. What is the last compromise you made? Would you do things differently if you could?
- d. Name a person who's faith helps you continue with yours. If they fell off, what affect do you think that would have on you?

Discussion Questions:

Chapter: 1: Background

1. When is the time period from the Book of Judges?
2. What key events have taken place in the history of Israel?
3. What are some themes of the Book of Judges?
4. How is the nation organized at the time of Joshua's death?
5. What challenges would the nation have faced without a central leader? (verse 1)
6. Given what you know of the history, how do you expect the Israelites to meet the challenges of further conquering the Promise Land without centralized leadership?
7. Why might Judah have asked Simeon to go along in battle with them? Is this practical or a lack of faith?

8. Do you see any moral issues with the Israelites attacking the cities, burning them, etc.?
9. What do we know about Othniel? Why might Caleb have found him a suitable partner for his daughter?
10. Was Aksah's asking for additional land by springs a based on greed?
11. Does the lack of success in verse 19-20, reflect a lack of effort or belief or something else? Is this a case of "will not" versus "cannot"?
12. Where do you see human compromises in this chapter?
13. Do you think the Israelites appreciated the risk of consequences for disobeying God?

14. Do you see God's grace and faithfulness in this chapter? If so, how? Do you see God's grace and faithfulness in this chapter? If so, how?

Chapter 2

15. Who is the angel of the LORD?
16. When was this land promised to their fathers?
17. What instruction was given to the people of Israel? What were the consequences of their disobedience?
18. When the people wept were they truly repentant? Have we seen this behavior before?
19. Why do you think the people followed God while Joshua and the elders were alive, but then turned away after they died?
20. Name some factors why the Israelites turned to idol worship?